

Markey	Rosen	Van Hollen
Menendez	Schatz	Warner
Merkley	Schumer	Warnock
Murphy	Shaheen	Warren
Padilla	Smith	Whitehouse
Peters	Stabenow	Wyden
Reed	Tester	

NAYS—24

Boozman	Hawley	Scott (FL)
Braun	Hoeben	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Grassley	Rubio	Wicker
Hagerty	Sasse	Young

NOT VOTING—32

Barrasso	Graham	Ossoff
Blackburn	Hyde-Smith	Paul
Blunt	Inhofe	Portman
Burr	Johnson	Risch
Capito	Kaine	Romney
Cornyn	Lummis	Rounds
Cramer	Manchin	Sanders
Daines	McConnell	Shelby
Ernst	Moran	Sinema
Feinstein	Murkowski	Toomey
Fischer	Murray	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 44, and the nays are 24.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 635, Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Charles E. Schumer, Alex Padilla, Catherine Cortez Masto, Patty Murray, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Patrick J. Leahy, Chris Van Hollen, Angus S. King, Jr., Tim Kaine, Richard J. Durbin, Gary C. Peters, Tina Smith, Jack Reed, Martin Heinrich, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEIN-

STEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 42, nays 25, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 528 Ex.]

YEAS—42

Baldwin	Hassan	Peters
Bennet	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Tester
Casey	Lujan	Van Hollen
Coons	Markey	Warner
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warnock
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden

NAYS—25

Boozman	Hawley	Scott (SC)
Braun	Hoeben	Sullivan
Cassidy	Kennedy	Thune
Collins	Lankford	Tillis
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Crapo	Marshall	Wicker
Cruz	Rubio	Young
Grassley	Sasse	
Hagerty	Scott (FL)	

NOT VOTING—33

Barrasso	Graham	Ossoff
Blackburn	Hyde-Smith	Paul
Blunt	Inhofe	Portman
Burr	Johnson	Risch
Capito	Kaine	Romney
Cornyn	Lummis	Rounds
Cramer	Manchin	Sanders
Daines	McConnell	Shelby
Ernst	Moran	Sinema
Feinstein	Murkowski	Stabenow
Fischer	Murray	Toomey

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). On this vote, the yeas are 42, the nays are 25.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(At the request of Mr. THUNE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER RODERICK JENNINGS

• Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an exceptional American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Capitol Police Force, Officer Roderick Jennings. Officer Jennings is retiring from the U.S. Capitol Police on December 28, 2021, after 31 years of service, and today, I wanted to take a moment to honor his years of service to the U.S. Capitol Police and to our country.

While he has served in many roles during his tenure, Officer Jennings most recently has been assigned to the U.S. Capitol Police Senate Division. I would often see him stationed in the basement of the Russell Senate Office Building, as well as other locations throughout the Senate complex. Whenever I saw Officer Jennings, he was always friendly and consistently maintained a sense of utmost professionalism. I always enjoyed seeing him throughout my day, and I know other members and staff feel the same. The Senate community will miss Officer Jennings.

We must do everything we can to support and honor our law enforcement officers for what they do for us each and every day. The Capitol Police make tremendous sacrifices and put their lives on the line for us, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Officer Jennings showed an unwavering commitment to keeping others safe, and these halls undoubtedly remained safer because of his service and the entire Capitol Police force. Officer Jennings represents everything that is great about our country, and we are all better off for his selfless sense of duty and his tireless commitment to our safety. I thank Officer Jennings for his

years of service, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.●

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, on the vote to confirm Marcela Escobari, I wish to be recorded as a no vote. Had there been a rollcall vote, I would have voted no.

Mr. President, on the vote to confirm Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, I wish to be recorded as voting no vote. Had there been a rollcall vote, I would have voted no.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I had the privilege to deliver the commencement address for Michigan State University fall graduates. Speaking with and recognizing the next generation of leaders in Michigan and the country was an incredible honor. While I was unable to attend today's vote No. 506 on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 528 Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted aye on the motion to invoke cloture.

Mr. President, I had the privilege to deliver the commencement address for Michigan State University fall graduates. Speaking with and recognizing the next generation of leaders in Michigan and the country was an incredible honor. While I was unable to attend today's vote No. 507 on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 528, Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted aye on confirmation.

Mr. President, I had the privilege to deliver the commencement address for Michigan State University fall graduates. Speaking with and recognizing the next generation of leaders in Michigan and our country was an incredible honor. While I was unable to attend today's vote No. 508 on motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 577 Linda Lopez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted aye on the motion to invoke cloture.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, had there been a rollcall vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 323, Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, I would have voted no.

Had there been a rollcall vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 519, Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New

York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Andorra, I would have voted no.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 608, Adm. Christopher W. Grady, for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 239, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 320, Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 323, Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 440, Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 442, Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 446, Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 447, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirma-

tion of Executive Calendar No. 454, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 519, Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Andorra.

Had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 625, John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), vice Brian J. Bulatao.

REMEMBERING COLIN POWELL

Mr. REED. Mr. President. I rise today to honor one of our Nation's most distinguished and honorable military and diplomatic leaders, Colin Powell.

Few American leaders have served their nation more, from combat overseas as a young officer to the heights of military command and diplomacy on the world stage. Colin Powell will and should hold a renowned place in our country's history.

Throughout his life, Colin Powell was the epitome of selfless service and courageous leadership. He gave everything he had to America—and then some. And he always did what many profess but few do: He took responsibility.

Colin Powell was a trailblazer for countless Americans. He paved much of the way on his own. Raised in the South Bronx as the son of Jamaican immigrants, he joined ROTC at the City College of New York and went on to serve with incredible bravery in Vietnam, sustaining wounds on two tours and saving the lives of many fellow soldiers. Colin Powell's remarkable skill as a military commander was clear to everyone around him, and he rose quickly through the ranks, eventually becoming National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan and, later, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for President George H.W. Bush.

The "Powell Doctrine," as his theory of warfare would become known, guided the United States to its most decisive military victory since World War II through Operation Desert Storm. Colin Powell insisted that war should be the last resort in any national conflict, but, when necessary, it should be focused, overwhelming for the enemy, and controlled with clear objectives. We would do well to remember that vision today.